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Finance minister counters managed forest concerns

ANDY LLOYD

Staff Reporter

Janet Ecker, Ontario's minister of finance, defended the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's new assessment procedures for managed forest properties in a recent letter to Jerry Ouellette, minister of natural resources. In May Ouellette sent Ecker a letter in which he outlined how MPAC's new valuation procedures are jeopardizing the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, in his opinion running contrary to the government's original intent.

But it's clear that Ecker doesn't agree. She reminded Ouellette that managed forest owners still enjoy a 75 per cent tax reduction. Ecker says the government will give upper-tier and single-tier municipalities the option of further reducing the tax rate applied to managed forests. She also noted the government will begin to allow natural areas that cannot support tree growth, such as marshes and rock faces, to be included in managed forest property class. And the application process for the program will also be streamlined.

Still at issue though is how MPAC assesses managed forests. Forests owners say the government promised to assess their land using farmland rates, which are \$75 acre. Many felt betrayed when they learned this was no longer the case.

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Happy birthday, Canada!

A proud Canadian. Haley Green, 5, waves the country's flag as the parade goes by on Highland St. Haley who is from Toronto is visiting the area with family, cottaging at Canning Lake. Haliburton businesses hosted the parade and the cake that followed.

Houses make room for new grocery store

Curry Motors' future plans include leaving downtown location

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It was such a small town moment.

As Rolly and Dot Letourneau's old house and garage made their painfully slow way through Haliburton's downtown streets, dozens of people left their workplaces to watch. How would the truck make the turn on Hwy 118? Was the hydro pole leaning a bit precariously?

It was sheer entertainment.

The Letourneaus were literally

moving house after their property was bought by Loblaw to make room for a new grocery store and gas bar on County Road 121 on the outskirts of Haliburton. Their neighbours have also sold to the large grocery chain. Next door, Curry Motors has already taken down its auto body shop - with neat precision, and on the other side, Lynne Johnston is preparing to move her house as well.

On July 7 there will be a public meeting at the Dysart municipal office to discuss the proposal by Loblaw Properties Limited

to rezone the land commercial, instead of residential.

In preliminary plans submitted to council, Loblaw says it will build a 46,000 sq.ft. store at the back end of where the auto body used to stand. In front there will be parking for 261 cars. There's also a gas bar with three pumps, expandable to five pumps.

The Echo called Loblaw to find out more about the development, but the call wasn't returned. Mike Easton, the owner of Easton's ValuMart, has been asked by Loblaw not to

comment on what the development means for the future of his store, which is an offshoot of the Loblaw's chain.

Curry Motors' auto body is open for business on the Industrial Park Road. It moved into Bruce Bounsall's old body shop, which it purchased several years ago, after additions were made.

More changes are planned for Curry Motors.

Don Popple, one of the company's owners, says the auto dealership side of the business

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The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is offering a FREE Smoke-Free Living Program in early July that helps people quit smoking.

The Smoke-Free Living Program begins on Monday, July 7, and runs from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Health Unit's Haliburton office located at One York Lane (top floor). The program will run for five sessions through July.

Health Promoter Kris Kadwell says the program is an excellent way for local residents to get on the road to a smoke-free lifestyle.

"More and more people are enjoying the health benefits of giving up tobacco," says Kadwell. "You see that in declining rates of smoking and an increase in the number of places becoming smoke-free."

In the past, the Health Unit's Smoke-Free Living Program has helped dozens of people quit smoking. The program brings together like-minded individuals who are ready to give up tobacco. Participants draw support from each other knowing they're not alone in trying to quit, Kadwell adds.

Group sessions have been shown to be very effective in helping people become smoke-free.

Kadwell says there are many benefits to being smoke-free, including people feeling better, having more energy and reducing their risk of heart disease and lung cancer. Studies also indicate the positive health affects of being smoke-free begin within days of quitting.

Anyone interested in finding out more information or signing up for the Smoke-Free Living Program can call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391. Pre-registration for the class is required.



LORRY BRANDON/Special to The Echo

After cleaning out their lockers, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students were happy to donate some of their school supplies to an organization called People Assisting Global Education. It will distribute the supplies to children in Third World countries. The children were quite generous with their donations.

Highlands East continues with fire ban

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Canada day weekend may have been a bit soggy for some revellers but the rain was good news for the fire departments in the county.

Only Highlands East posted a fire ban on the weekend and will maintain that ban until further notice.

John Hogg, Algonquin Highlands fire chief, says it is still pretty dry but he didn't post a ban. They were

counting on the rain and were glad to get it, which prevented them along with Dysart and Minden Hills from posting bans.

None of the municipalities reported any major incidents over the weekend. Doug Schell, Minden Hills' fire chief, says they had a minor grass fire.

No day burning restrictions remain and conditions may change through out the week. People are reminded to watch the height of their campfire flames and be sure to keep on site means to douse the fire.

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HHHS celebrates \$1.5 million tax infusion

JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporter

You could almost hear the collective groan of relief as the weight of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' deficit was lifted off the shoulders of HHHS board members and department managers.

MPP Chris Hodgson announced that HHHS will receive an additional \$1.5-million in base funding annually, which brings the funding up to the provincial formula recommendations.

"It's fantastic news," said HHHS CEO Keith Sansford. "We're obviously very pleased."

Sansford credits Hodgson for his part in securing the funding. "We're very fortunate to have a very strong MPP who has consistently supported us," Sansford said. "He has done very well on our behalf."

Sansford stressed that the funding is allotted for the operation of the hospitals only.

Sansford noted that HHHS has been historically underfunded, according to the province's formula. Without the infusion of funds, the board faced significant cuts to services and especially personnel. Now, HHHS will be able to continue providing the necessary hospital services without worrying about where the money will come from to pay for staff and equipment.

HHHS has been incurring deficits over the past few years and the accumulated debt has reached \$800,000. In addition, the board has been directed to take on initiatives such as triage nursing which wasn't funded.

"The \$1.5-million puts us on a level playing field," Sansford said. "It will stabilize and reinforce our operations. It puts us on pretty firm ground."

While the hospitals are now in a strong financial position, Sansford said other areas of health care, such as long term care and community mental health continue to be strained and in need of funding. He adds that mental health services have not had a funding increase in the past few years, even though salary increases were mandated by the government.

Sansford reiterated the need for a Community Health Centre in Minden. "There are still great needs for community health and long term care funding," he said.

"I'm smiling from ear to ear," was Cathy Outram's reaction to news of the funding. Outram is the Chief Financial Officer of HHHS. "We are no longer under-funded. I'll be sleeping a lot easier."

Outram said the first order of business will be to catch up on the accumulated deficit from the past three years. "This will be a catch-up year," She said HHHS will be able to go ahead with the upgrading of the information technology system without worrying about increasing the deficit.

She is relieved that the hospital managers won't be forced to

make any cuts. "We'll be able to hold the line on all services," she said. "Chris Hodgson is a miracle worker."

She said the board will be able to set some money aside for repairs and replacement of equipment.

Jack Brezina, past chair of HHHS, said the first thing the funding will do is eliminate the debt. He said the money will allow the board to proceed with programs which have been initiated and continue with the health care programs that are in place.

Brezina said there was some

hesitation about the speed at which the Information Technology upgrade would be implemented. "There will be no hesi-

Brezina said. "He's the man who said, 'Don't worry' and he came through again for us."

Brezina said the funding means HHHS will be receiving what it should, according to the provincial funding formula. "We've been operating without it, but it's been hand to mouth," he said. "This is going to make it

a lot easier. There's a lot of joy at the hospitals. It's a great finish to two years as chair."

"I am pleased Premier Ernie Eves and Minister of Health and Long Term Care Tony Clement

have increased the operating dollars for the Haliburton and Minden hospitals," Hodgson said. "I would like to personally thank them and the hospital staff and board members for their continued dedication to providing services at such a high level."

Hodgson noted that the funding is intended to address the operating deficit and provide increased base funding.

"This announcement reflects our government's commitment to a hospital system that meets the needs of our growing and aging population," Hodgson said. "The extra \$1.5-million will help to ensure that residents in the County of Haliburton continue to have access to quality hospital services."

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JACK BREZINA

tation now," he said, noting that it will be up to the board to decide where the funding will be spent.

"We are, of course, extremely grateful to Chris Hodgson,"



136 candles

One of many volunteers, Mary McKee, above, serves cake to a happy couple, enjoying the Canada Day festivities on Haliburton's main street on Sunday, June 29. The cake was provided by the Haliburton Valu-Mart. At left the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes play the national anthem as a boy, on left, waves the Canadian flag while another boy, on right, covers his ears.

Darren Lum photos

Curry Motors plans to be new grocery store's neighbour

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will leave its current location next year after a new showroom and maintenance department are built next door to the future Loblaws store.

"We need more space," he says. "We're in a building that's served us well but it's time to move on."

The downtown location was built by Popple's father-in-law, Ron Curry, in 1950. It houses the showroom and garage. The dealership, however, has to showcase its vehicles in three places: at the corner location, across the street in the empty lot beside the hardware store, and at the former MTO garage on 121. It needs more land to have the vehicles all in one location. Curry Motors will not have gas pumps at the new location.

Popple hopes construction can begin next spring with an opening by fall.

Meanwhile, the business plans to sell its prime downtown space.

DARREN LUM/Echo



If you happened to be strolling through Haliburton last Tuesday morning you might have noticed a house and garage slowly rolling down the town's streets atop a flat bed truck. Things got tense for a few minutes when the house became stuck between two telephone poles in front of the Echo office. But it managed to squeeze through without causing too much damage. After making the sharp turn in front of the municipal office, the house was home free, heading up Dover Hill.

County must hire someone to do accessibility audit

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

In the spring, Gary Hollywood quit the county's new accessibility committee because county council would not support his request to hire students to identify barriers at all municipal properties.

Hollywood, who is in a wheelchair, had volunteered to oversee the project and was upset when municipal representatives said the job could be done by their municipal staff.

Under new legislation, this task must be completed by the end of September

and it turns out that municipal staff are now too busy to do the job.

At Wednesday's county council meeting, councillors agreed to hire someone to do the job.

Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said a retired engineer or building official could do the job in three weeks.

Warden Ross Rigney suggested approaching Lutterworth's retired building official, Ernie Roylance.

"Where are we going to get the money," asked Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

The county budgeted \$3,000 for the

committee but this was for printing, postage and mileage.

Meanwhile, when Hollywood heard the news, he said council's turnaround was "beyond me. It would have been so easy if they had just done it properly."

He agrees an experienced person will be able to do the job in three weeks but he doubts the person will be able to do it alone. To identify barriers, you not only have to be aware of current building codes but also the impediments a person with disabilities, which includes blindness or deafness, will face once they're in the building.

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MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When it comes to working in 30° temperatures, Gary Burtch would gladly choose the duty he had to perform on Sunday to the task he faced a few months ago without anyone having to say-please.

On Sunday, June 22, the 30° was on the plus side as he helped YMCA Camp Wanakita director Steve Heming, alumni and local contractors cut the ribbon on a new dining hall for the sprawling new family camp.

Jenny Meredith, an 11-year-old assistant counsellor, takes a break from her waitressing duties by digging in to a bowl full of berries at the annual strawberry social.

A few months ago, when the Haliburton contractor and his crew were building the

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Camp director Steve Heming, Brian Buffo, chair of the volunteer alumni committee, and contractors Glen Evans and Gary Burtch cut the ribbon on the new family camp dining centre while family members of everyone involved cheer them on. At right in a camp T-shirt is Ron Tenthorey, head of the camp's food services.

hall, as well as nine new cabin duplexes and two wash areas, there was a minus before that 30.

Just his luck that his company would take on such a large capital expansion project during the coldest winter in decades.

"Do you remember the winter we had, the spring we had," he asks, still shivering. "Between the cold and the mud we lost about five weeks."

The massive project began last October and the only request Heming made was that it be completed in time for the first campers on June 29. With a week to spare, Burtch joined Heming and about 30 others, including the families of everyone who worked on the project, to

officially open the camp.

The family camp started as a one-week-at-the-end-of summer initiative several years ago. With 44 cabins, including some refurbished ones from Camp Gay Venture, spread along the shore of Koshlong Lake, the new summer-long family camp already has 185 families booked. Heming is hoping to top 200.

He was full of smiles and praise on Sunday as they thanked everyone, including the volunteer alumni board that helped guide the expansion, for their dedication to the camp and the families it serves.

Everyone involved was invited for a free lunch at the strawberry social afterwards.

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Finding the right stereotype

There are two prevalent stereotypes used to describe small towns. One portrays a community of right-wing, backwoods rednecks full of prejudice and dislike of anything or anyone who does not fall within tightly prescribed edicts of acceptability. The other glowingly paints a picture of a warm, embracing community full of neighbourliness and love towards all fellow inhabitants of this wonderful place called earth. Like all stereotypes, both have some basis in the truth

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editorial

— martha perkins

but also, like all stereotypes, they are both dangerous because they paint too simplistic a view of the complex dynamics at play.

So where do the small towns that make up Haliburton County fall? Well, it depends.

Being different in any way can be so hard in a small town. There's no anonymity, no ability to fade into a busy backdrop. Given the small population, it's hard not to feel alone, that there's no one facing the same realities of life. But at the same time, in a small town we get to know each other as real people; there's a real connection and bond that can overcome difference.

Is there racism here? Bigotry towards those who do not fall within the county's traditional norm? Of course. Is there love and acceptance of all people? Of course. For every example of a bad response, one can counter with something good. Take the example of Community Living. One of its members was physically assaulted and charges were laid against the assailant (who was successfully prosecuted.) Yet when another one of its members, Barry Stromberg, died last October, there was an amazing outpouring of love and friendship as people from all walks of life gathered at his funeral to celebrate his life. You can't judge the community by either example alone.

In the past few weeks the community has been working out its response to the legalization of same-sex marriages in Ontario. MP John O'Reilly spoke out against it in *The Minden Times* and Harry Morgan expressed his dismay in *The Echo*. This week in each paper there's a counter response.

As the debate continues, there's one piece of advice to heed: Never, ever make an argument personal. This community can survive any type of controversial issue as long as we do not allow attacks against an individual – an individual on either side of the argument. Do that and the bonds which tightly hold us together begin to unravel and we can never be sure of what we'll be left with. You can like someone you disagree with. No one person is either all good or all bad. You have to allow differences of opinion even as you fight against them. And remember, if you ever say anything against someone, chances are they'll be standing behind you in the line-up the next time you're at the grocery store. If nothing else, living in small towns teaches you that you're accountable for your actions.

With the same-sex marriage issue, many church goers feel that the very values their faith was built on are being undermined by the courts. In their powerlessness to defend what they think of as deeply important, they sometimes respond angrily. Yet many other people, some of them equally-committed church goers, know that who you have sex with has nothing to do with your ability or desire to form loving, committed relationships that are recognized and protected by the laws of the land. Can't some common ground – respect and acceptance of our differences – be found?



Luna Moth

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Virtual reality

Virtual reality - It is a term that has seemingly so seeped into our vocabulary that we sometimes assume it is actual reality. In fact it can be defined as a cohesive world that is entirely make-believe. To a great extent such virtual worlds have long been available to dreamers. Now that technological wizardry has been inserted into the mix we are supposed to be convinced that an entire new universe has opened up to us with the flick of a switch.

What we had before this new technical advance was imagination and memory. Added to this, now, are the peripheral aspects intended to make imaginings more real. In other words the computer attempts to give us every possible element of an experience. It is a tool that has proven to be extremely important in the scientific world. In our secular world, used properly, it can be fun.

With virtual reality, for example, we can experience the sights, sounds, and even the vertigo, of standing on the rim of the Grand Canyon and looking down or up. We can soak up the atmosphere. We can take the path that leads down into the canyon, maybe even without that pesky, verbose guide. Best of all we can end the journey whenever we want to - no need to worry about a thunder storm unless we so order it; no need to become aching, exhausted, even queasy, or any of those unpleasant things that might turn an interesting adventure into an arduous chore. 'Tis a wonderful game for there is no need to push ourselves beyond our mind's intent.

It is, however, not life. It does not even mirror life because it takes away the challenge of confronting reality. A trip without a flaw may seem like nirvana; yet how often in hindsight the moments when the planned program went awry remain most vividly in our memories.

Certainly, as an added entertainment, virtual

reality has a place in our lives, as do books and radio and television. It can expand our knowledge. It can introduce us to worlds of which we would never otherwise know. It's when we begin to equate the virtual with the actual that the blurring occurs.

How many times I have walked by a framed collage of photos hanging on a wall, taken of our California house by the realtor. Each time I felt a sense of serenity glancing at the manicured lawns, the restful living room, the inviting swimming pool. Then one day I woke up to the fact that what I was seeing was just virtual reality, aided by memories, not a computer. Once more I recalled how hard we worked before that photo shoot to have the lawn jewel-like, the living room neat and tidy, the pool well scrubbed, the deck chairs artistically placed, the wet towels out of sight. After all, we were attempting to entice a buyer.

In fact, in all the years we lived there, I doubt if these scenes were ever so neatly available to my eye. There was no choice of turning off the switch when gardens, kids, house, overwhelmed. Do I get greater satisfaction now from looking at the photos or remembering the reality we had in those surroundings? Definitely the former, but I must admit the collage lost a bit of its lustre after that day when I thought to look beyond its surface. I do hope the people who bought our house were not so swayed by its peaceful atmosphere, its pristine surroundings, its quiet isolation, that they found that real living there was more of a challenge than the anticipation.

Make-believe and memories are wonderful places to go to throughout our lives. Virtual reality, in some instances, can at least give that world more pizzazz. Our imagination and mind can believe it but it is, in fact, not reality.



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Home for the holidays

It was June 25th and I was minding my own business when my daughter Carmen rushed into my office bearing a fistful of weeds. Actually, they were dandelions.

"Happy Clementine's Day, Daddy!" she gushed as she gave me a gift of a small bouquet of bright yellow flowers.

"Clementine's Day?" I asked nervously, as I leapt up from my chair. "Are you sure?"

"Yes, Clementine's Day! It's Clementine's Day today, silly."

I flipped through the tattered pages in the dusty Rolodex of my mind, trying to remember all of the holidays. Christmas, Easter,

Canada Day, Boxing Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's Day, Bass Season, Trout Season, Deer Season and several others immediately came to mind. But Clementine's Day? Although I was reasonably certain that it didn't exist, I wasn't about to rule it out either. After all, I've forgotten a birthday and anniversary or two in my time. Carmen, on the other hand, was far more up on current events.

It occurred to me that they must have slipped this one by me. Perhaps it was one of those Hallmark Holidays, conceived and

promoted by the citrus fruit industry. Yes, that certainly made sense, but why the dandelions? Why not a delicious orange? Not knowing, I broke out into a cold sweat. When it comes to holidays, knowing the symbolism is the difference between a nice dinner and a salami sandwich.

Desperate, I recounted the words to "My Darling Clementine" and quickly realized that it was much worse than I thought. "In a cavern, in a canyon, excavating for a mine....darling Clementine, lost and gone forever...." With lyrics like that, it had all the symptoms of not just any holiday. No sir, this one screamed of sentimentality and romance! It recounted lost love, tragedy and perhaps citrus fruit. Dear god, it was Valentine's Day all over again -- one final torment before the joys of bass season. Failing this test would put a damper on my fishing plans. It's hard to hear the alarm from the couch.

"Carmen, who told you about Clementine's Day," I interrogated urgently. "Quickly!" I snapped my fingers. While she thought about it, I began to pack the essentials for a day afield.

Meanwhile, the floor above creaked as ominous footsteps sounded from our room. Carol was up and, if my suspicions were correct, she'd be down soon to ask me if I had done anything special for this new holiday. After that it'd be the cold shoulder for a week. I needed to buy time.

"Where you going, Dad?" Carmen asked.

I barely looked back as I hightailed it out to the front lawn. It wasn't long before I returned with another handful of bright dandelions. I put them in a vase and placed them on the kitchen table with a hastily written note that said, "Happy Clementine's Day from your Miner 49er." I considered lighting a coal oil lamp and fetching a shovel and pick ax as well, just to further set the mood. Given the opportunity, I'm nothing if not romantic.

But those thoughts perished as Carol descended the staircase and asked, "What's with the weeds?"

"Just a small token of my affection on Clementine's Day," I said suavely. "May you never be lost while excavating for a mine," I added for good measure.

"What are you talking about?"

"Clementine's Day? Don't tell me you forgot."

"Huh?"

I looked at her and shook my head. "I can't believe you forgot Clementine's Day. Do I mean absolutely nothing to you?"

"Steve," she replied, "there is no such thing as Clementine's Day."

"Oh, how convenient," I answered coldly. "And I suppose bass season is merely a figment of my imagination, too."

"What is this all about?" she asked. "Did you take another croquet mallet to the head?"

"Maybe so, but at least I had the decency to get you a bouquet and a card," I responded. "I was even prepared to drive to town to buy a bag of oranges. You know how much a dozen Clementines cost?"

"There is no such thing as Clementine's Day," she stated flatly, as if I were born yesterday. I must admit her cheap tactics impressed me. In all my years of forgetting various holidays, birthdays and anniversaries, it had never occurred to me to resort to abject denial.

"No such thing, huh?"

Fortunately, Carmen re-entered the room. "Happy Clementine's Day mommy!"

Carol hesitated and looked bewildered.

"Yes, happy Clementine's Day!" I added abruptly. "At least our three-year-old knows better."

"But, but..."

"But nothing," I said, "I'm going fishing."

When I returned that evening, Carmen greeted me at the door.

"Did you have a good Clementine's Day, Daddy?"

"Well, yes," I replied.

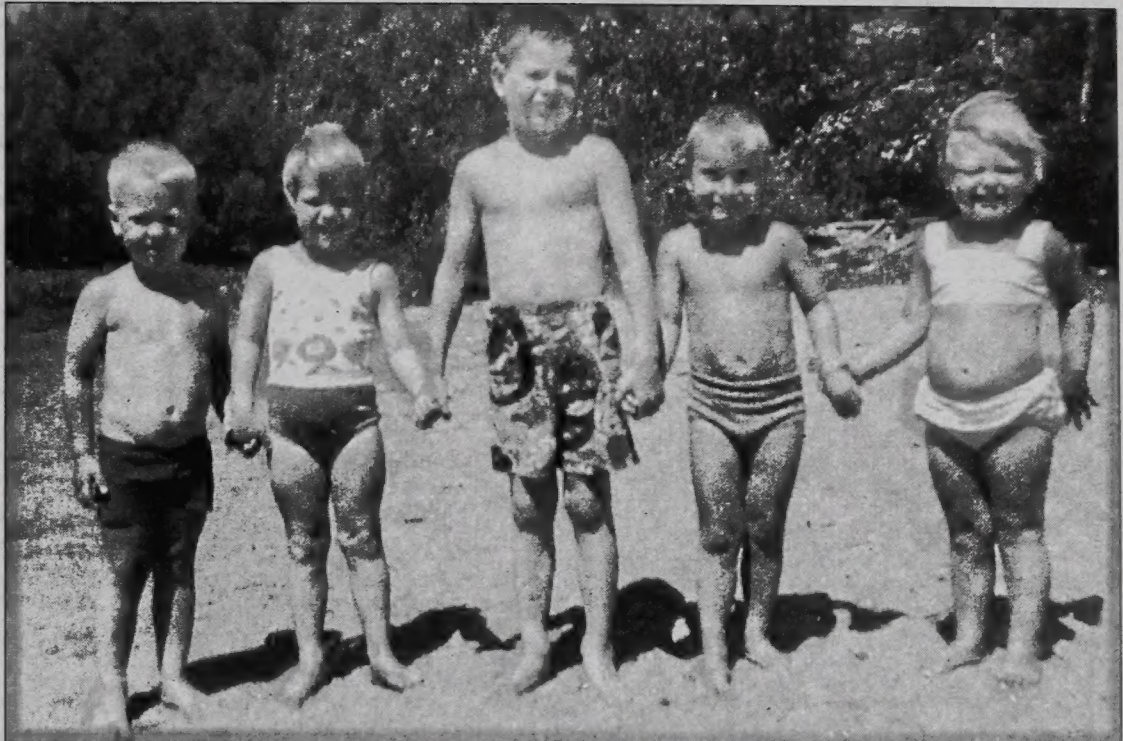
And it was true. Though I'm not one for holidays, with the fishing opportunities provided, I had to admit, this one had a certain, ah...peel.

tales from



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pic of the past

These little "turtles" were taking swimming lessons at Rotary Beach in Haliburton back in 1968: Steven Ford (we think), Jennifer Baker, Mike Ray, Kent Morgan and Carrie Rinne. Jane Rinne of Haliburton, who shares this summer memory with us, says "Wouldn't it be nice if these children could now bring their children to swim every day, all summer long at Rotary Beach?"

letters to the editor

Asphalt plant issue not dead

To the Editor:

I would like to clear up some misconceptions that have occurred regarding the asphalt plant proposed by Royel Paving east of Gooderham.

1. At our initial meeting with Royel Paving officials and three members of Highlands East Council (of which I was one), we were told they would not need additional staff to operate. When Clayton Ellis representing Royel Paving attended our last council meeting I asked if he was prepared to guarantee additional jobs, and if so, how many. His reply, I cannot guarantee any jobs at this time, or in the near future.

2. If an asphalt plant is such an asset, why did the residents of Algonquin Highlands so strongly oppose the location of this plant in their municipality? Not only were there major concerns about environmental issues, there were

major concerns about what effect this plant would have on property values.

I would like to suggest that the residents of Gooderham and all of Ward 3 (Glamorgan) should express their concerns to all members of Highlands East Council. A municipal official is telling Highlands East residents the decision will be made by the Ministry of Natural Resources because the property is on Crown land. What is not being said is that the Ministry will listen to our local council based on input from our local ratepayers.

For additional information and phone numbers of council contact me at 447-2266 or the Glamorgan office at 447-2410.

Chuck Viner
Deputy-Reeve Ward 3 Councillor
Municipality of Highlands East

Same sex marriages not a threat to families

To the Editor:

I believe that the recent Supreme Court decision in favour of same sex marriage marks an important step forward for human rights in our country. Common estimates suggest that as many as one person in twenty is homosexual. This widely diverse group of people includes our neighbours, siblings, parents and grandparents, children and grandchildren, and includes people in every walk of life. Many continue to live in fear and secrecy because of the judgement and persecution they

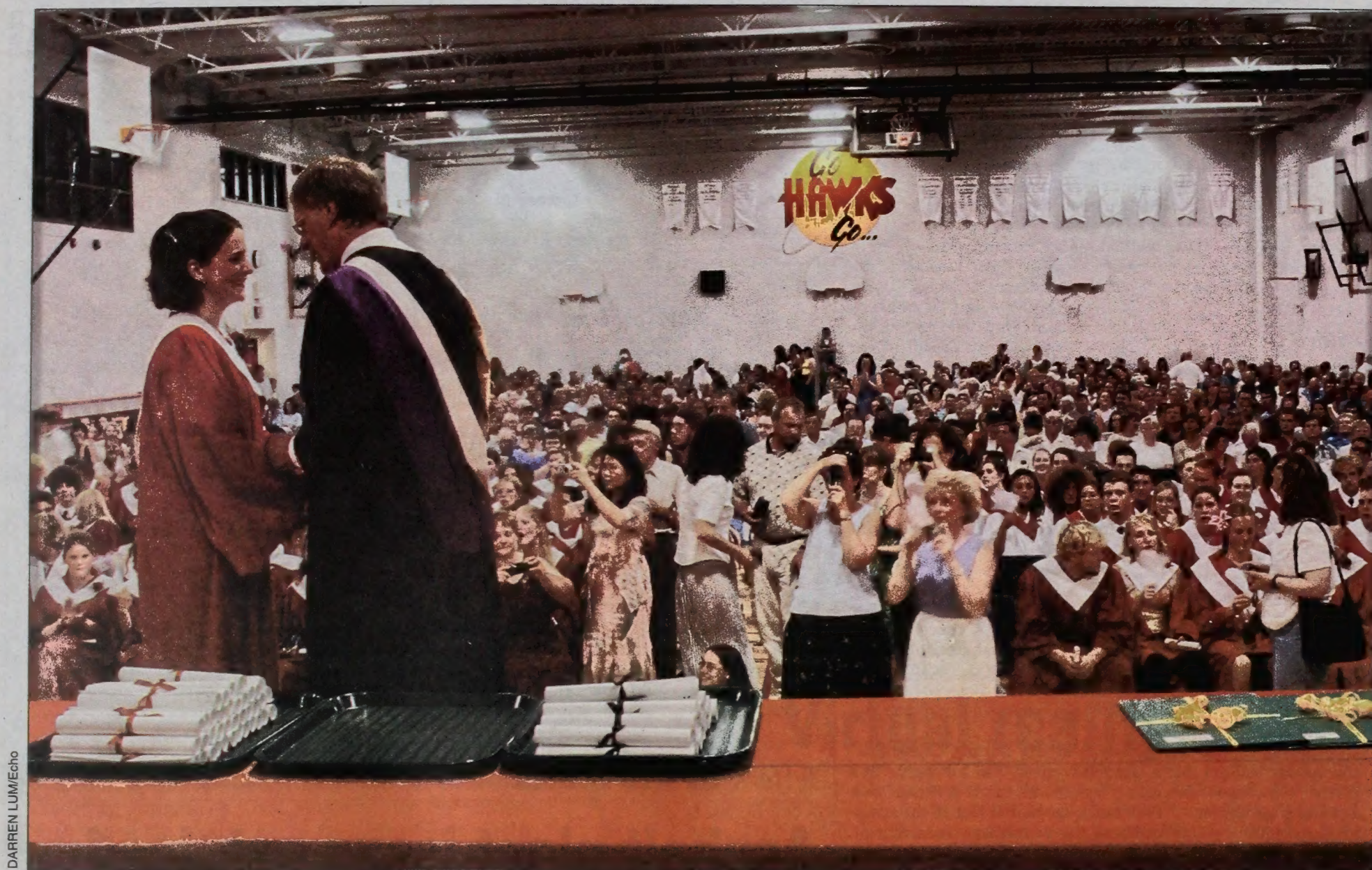
might face in declaring themselves more openly.

I simply do not accept the premise that same sex marriage threatens the fabric of our communities or the sanctity of marriage. As one member of a couple and family therapist for over 30 years, I have been privileged to know many loving and committed same sex couples who are raising healthy and successful children. I am particularly saddened when members of the Christian community offer judgement rather than welcome to

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





Principal Gary Brohman offers words of praise and encouragement to a Grade 12 graduate as she accepts her high school diploma. This is the year of the double cohort.

HHSS bids farewell to largest graduating class

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School celebrated its 49th high school graduation with the most students to ever graduate.

Added to the 41 OAC graduates this year were more than 141 Grade 12 graduating students, all part of the double-cohort year and the elimination of the

fifth year of high school.

To start the ceremony, a procession of the students was led by local piper Earl Cooper, who played the national anthem.

The 180 students made their final steps as students into the athletic facility and would later be stepping out into the world as a graduate.

With several hundred family members and friends watching, the students crossed the stage showing emotions that

ranged from jubilation to relief, some even teary-eyed, while they accepted their diplomas.

The humid conditions in the athletic facility did little to quell the enthusiasm demonstrated by graduates who, after investing more than 600,000 hours of classroom time, were awaiting the day that would unleash them on the world.

HHSS Principal Gary Brohman gave a speech about hope for the future and the

lessons learned in the past. This year with the double-cohort group graduating he congratulated the students for enduring the new curriculum and the 40-hour community volunteer service requirement.

Brohman said that, no matter how bad things seem to get life does go on. It will always be better tomorrow. His tips for success to students going to post-secondary institutions were simple: "Go to class. Go to class. Go to class."



Alex Sisson basks in applause.

Thanks for the memories, Hal High

ALEX SISSON

Grade 12 Valedictorian

It's that time of year again, the time when the summer sun comes out, it gets warmer, and the graduates prepare to move up a step in their lives. Many will leave, some will stay behind. The one thing that will stay with us is our memories.

It's the memories that are going to make this school so hard to leave.

We have all grown to know each other as a family, from the teachers to the students. Teachers play a large role in our life, and can leave an imprint on us. Their school spirit is overwhelming.

Thanks to the SAC we have learned to love our school through the fun activities that they hold.

The experiences tend to bring friends closer together and spread friends further apart. In Grade 9 the whole class is friends. Grade 10 you start to learn more about yourself and make many new friends. Grade 11, the year of

the hockey pokey and the circus comes to HAL HIGH! Also being a tragic year with the 9/11 incident. This is a year when reality kicks in and you realize that you have to work diligently to move on. By Grade 12 you go into serious mode, and the main focus is school.

Throughout it all you win and lose friends. Friends are the cornerstone to who you are, they help you through the bad times.

If there was one thing that I could say to younger students, it would be to not lose touch with your friends and always allow new ones into your circle. To open your eyes and realize that there is a school full of bright and fun people.

Friends aren't always just made in the school, but out on the field or on the courts. This school has a wide variety of sports. Through these sports, there are many things other than just muscles that are formed, such as morals, friends, fairness, and the desire to just have fun.

It will be hard to leave the place where we've had so many experiences. There are things or events that will stay for a long time.

There are many people I would like to thank. In particular my family; when worst came to worst they were always there. My parents never fail to bring happiness and love into our home.

Maybe some of you will remember a certain teacher that you looked up to, or who always stood behind you. I would like to thank all of them for helping us grow up, and teaching us not only school work but our marvelous school credo.

You may not know it but there are many ways that our school credo has helped us. First off, respect - to have not only respect for our elders but respect for our peers. Respect isn't as easy as many people may think, but these teachers manage to engrave it into us. Commitment: to commit to something takes not only much patience but the will to do so. We see commitment

every day, as every teacher comes to school ripe and willing to teach. The last is responsibility, something that sometimes molds itself out of mistakes. With these three factors every one of us have become 10 times greater the person we were in Grade 9.

There is a bright future for every one of us. We must look to the future but not forgetting the tracks we left behind. In some cases these tracks may be the key to our future.

For some of us this is good-bye, and thanks for all the memories. For others all we have left is hope. Hope that this isn't good-bye, and that we will all keep in touch. It saddens me that for many of us this won't happen. This is why I hope that we will never forget the step we took in our lives; the friends we made; and the lessons we learned in this school. The child we have lost, and the grownups we have become. Both of which the school had a major role in. I hope to see everyone of your faces at the reunion.

Thank you.

Go forward with confidence!

ANDREW MANSFIELD

OAC Valedictorian

It is a special evening for all of us, and a special evening in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School history, as we celebrate the commencement of the very last OAC class to graduate from our beloved HHSS, and the only OAC class to do so amid such a drastic change in the school system. We, as one whole graduating class, have met this unique and daunting challenge, and have succeeded with hard work and determination, creating a sense of ourselves as a unique group.

As the great philosopher, Swami Paramananda, once said, "It is a great blessing to meet struggle and opposition with whatever fire there is in us that is kindled by these. Life does not mean merely following the softest road, the path of least resistance; life is doing something vital. Hardships and difficulties bring out the best in us, and make us strong."

The double cohort has brought out the best in us, and we are all stronger and better prepared for the obstacles which will be presented wherever our paths may lead. Most of us will be where we want to be come fall, and all that the double cohort will have meant to us was an extra incentive to exceed. We have all benefited from the challenge, and are better for having succeeded despite it.

The friendships we formed are what

have made our journey truly worthwhile.

All along the way, helping us to succeed, were our teachers. Those wonderful, inspiring, almost inuk-shuk-like figures that have challenged and prepared us every day for whatever obstacles may lie ahead of us. HHSS teachers are certainly a breed apart, all of them multi-talented and always with our education at the forefront of their priorities. It is their hard work and dedication that make them so exceptional at what they do.

Above and beyond the teachers' dedication in the classroom is their extra effort to make every other aspect of high school life exceptional and fulfilling. With sports, music, drama, the Duke of Ed, SAC, the waiting room, lunch buddies, and most especially Sunship, just to name a few, the teachers here at HHSS have made high school fun, and about more than just classes and learning. They are the best role models we could ask for.

A shining example is Traci Hubbert, who was the main reason we were able to send the second largest group of students in the province to receive the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards from the Earl of Wessex himself. We were the only public school group to have students achieve the award this year. Thank you Miss Hubbert for your hard work, encouragement, and inspiration.

So much time and effort goes into a successful high school career. There are so many things to do and so much that we are able to accomplish. However,

none of it is possible without the support and dedication of our families. Parents are the backbone of the extra-curricular programs here at HHSS, tirelessly providing transportation to and from so many practices, rehearsals, and events. They are there to cheer us on when we need inspiration, and there to pick up the pieces when we fall apart.

So, tonight, we say thank you, and goodbye to our classmates, our teachers, our principals, our secretaries, the support staff, the maintenance staff, the cafeteria ladies, and every other individual involved with our last five years of high school, as we all leave on our own separate journeys. Our time here has been special, but we must take what we have learned and move on. We have finished an era, but a very important one. One full of memories, good and bad, and some of the most important lessons that we will ever learn. Keep those memories, all of them, remember those lessons – the character we have built here in high school will shape the rest of our lives.

Go confidently forward in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined. Our futures are there for the taking. Carpe Diem, seize the day, do not live to regret the things you did not do. Live life to its fullest, and know that you can achieve the things you dream about. Thank you all for being here tonight to celebrate this glorious evening. Congratulations graduating classes of 2002-2003, and farewell, Hal High.



Carpe Diem, Andrew Mansfield says.

These are the Grade 12 graduates with a last name starting with letters A to M



These are the Grade 12 graduates with a last name starting with letters N to Z



These are the last OAC students to graduate from HHSS.



Not all forest owners agree with Ecker's claim

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In her letter Ecker responds to that claim. "Our government's intention when this program was developed in 1998 was to apply consistent assessment methodologies to both farm and forest properties, such that both types of properties are assessed on the basis of their current use. The principle of current use assessment is to establish a value for properties based on their current use as a forest or farm, without regard to the higher market value that the properties might have based on their full economic development potential. Often, the phrases 'farmer to farmer' and 'forester to forester' are used to describe the types of sales transactions that MPAC shall have regard to when establishing current use values for these types of properties. In other words, sales to a developer who may wish to use the land for non-farm or non-forest purposes should not be taken into consideration as part of the valuation process for these properties. It is my understanding that MPAC is appropriately applying current use methodologies in the valuation of managed forest properties by examining sales of managed forest properties from one forester to another... There is no legislated or regulated requirement for MPAC to apply farm land rates to managed forest properties."

While this may be true, in January of 1997, when the MFTIP was announced, then Minister of Natural Resources Chris Hodgson did say farmland rates would be applied to managed forests.

Ecker explains that when the program was created, farmland rates were applied to managed forests because the government believed the values were essentially the same. Since then, she says the values of farmlands and managed forests have not kept pace with each other so the same assessment rates are no longer used for both. Despite her assertion that MPAC's valuation procedures are correct, Ecker says she has agreed to initiate an inter-ministry team to "review and evaluate the effectiveness of the existing policies governing the assessment and tax treatment of managed

forest properties."

Some of Haliburton County's forest owners are not impressed with Ecker's response. Brent Wootton is a managed forest owner near Gooderham and a member of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council. He says Ecker's response "doesn't really change the situation and in fact it entrenches the problems faced by forest owners."

He says Ecker is too vague when it comes to how managed forests will be assessed. "Either way it really doesn't work or isn't fair because there aren't enough MFTIP properties in most areas that are also being sold regularly to make a fair judgment of per acre assessments."

He suspects MPAC is comparing managed forest properties to sales of properties that are not in the program, despite Ecker's claim to the contrary.

Wootton does not think Ecker's 'forester to forester' approach will work because, "the market sale of a forest has little to do with current use unless there is some requirement to maintain its current use. Clearly waterfront forest properties will be sold for more regardless of current use because there is development potential. This means assessments will be higher."

"The bottom line is that assessments are going up and MFTIP owners are at risk of high taxes. I am interpreting the letter as a smoke screen to disguise a way to allow managed forest properties to be taxed higher. There should simply be a base assessment that is the same for all managed forests and doesn't change."

He adds that ministry of natural resources brochures for the MFTIP have always promised that farmland rates would be used to assess managed forests.

Although Ecker's letter may not satisfy the province's forest owners, it does promise further dialogue through an inter-ministry review. But at this point both sides seem entrenched in their viewpoints. It does, however, offer some hope for a resolution to this disagreement that seems to be growing more bitter by the day.

Managed forest owners not obligated to log: MNR

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

County council says it supports the managed forest tax incentive program – as long as forest owners live up to requirements of the plan.

"We've never discouraged the program but we want to be satisfied they're following the work plan," Warden Ross Rigney said at Wednesday's meeting. "We've criticized the program because of the feeling that some owners are not following the work plan."

However, some county councillors appear to think that adherence to the plan means cutting down trees. Bruce Fleck, area forester for the Ministry of Natural Resources' Minden and Bancroft district, says that's not necessarily what the managed forest plan is all about.

"You don't have to cut down trees at all," Fleck said in an interview after the county council meeting.

"The managed forest tax program is not exclusively for resource extraction [logging]. It's for education and sustainable management of the resources. Logging can be a component in sustainable forest management but it's not exclusive to it."

Being a steward of those resources can also include protecting the ecosystem, including wildlife and wildlife habitat, groundwater and surface water.

When a property owner signs up for the program, he or she must undertake a study which provides a snapshot of the forest's resources. Once completed, "you have to do some active management."

But again, that does not necessarily mean cutting trees. You can walk the property to identify any problems such as insect damage and disease, clear trails and improve wildlife habitat. By completing a plan, a landowner is made more aware of

the importance of sustainable management and what can be done to create a healthy forest.

"You just can't say 'I'm going to protect it' and do nothing," Fleck says.

But who monitors whether a landowner is following the plan?

"That's a little bit of a weakness at this point," Fleck says. After the province cut ministry staff, the MNR hasn't had the resources to properly oversee the program.

"The MNR had a role in monitoring it but we don't have the ability to do that. In the beginning there were paper audits and training of staff" but that has fallen by the wayside, Fleck says. "Hopefully when the economy turns around the government will do more auditing but presently they're not."

Rigney says the county is also concerned because the provincial government is not honouring its commitment to compensate municipalities for revenues lost under the plan.

Under the present system, a landowner who undertakes the plan gets the forest assessed at 25 per cent of its market value. Taxes are also 25 per cent of the residential rate, similar to farm land.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation is changing the first portion of that equation.

"There's a misconception that the program is being cancelled; it's not the truth," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "It's created a big problem."

He's been "actively working" with MPP Chris Hodgson to solve some of the local problems, such as Lee Blair's decision to no longer allow nordic ski trails on his property north of Delta Pinestone. Blair says that because of the MFTIP changes, his taxes will go up and he has to log the land to recoup costs.

Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum says the changes may force him to sell the property.

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African exchange program coming to Haliburton

ANDY LLOYD

Staff Reporter

This September youth from across Canada and the world will come to Haliburton County to participate in an international exchange program hosted by Canada World Youth. 18 young people between the ages of 18 and 24 will live in the community for three months. While they're here the youth will volunteer on community projects with an emphasis on the environment and ecotourism. Haliburton was chosen for the exchange because of its accomplishments in these areas.

There will be six people from Kenya, six from Tanzania and six from communities across Canada. Most Canada World Youth exchanges involve just two countries. Haliburton is one of the first to involve three.

Janet Doner, a project coordinator, says "It will give people

ANDY LLOYD/Echo



A former Canada World Youth participant, Janet Doner has moved to Haliburton to prepare for the arrival of six Tanzanians, six Kenyans and six Canadians who will be in Haliburton for three months starting in September.

in Haliburton a chance to learn about communities around the world, but also it's surprising how much you learn about your own community."

But she needs the community's help. Doner must find nine host families who are willing to take in two participants each, in most cases one foreign student and one Canadian. The students will work at a volunteer job four days a week and one day is reserved for the whole group to meet. Doner says the youth are expected to help with chores like cooking and cleaning.

Some of the Kenyans are coming from the

Laikipia Plateau, where they were able to greatly reduce poverty by establishing a sustainable ecotourism industry. A community owned trust is responsible for managing the land and protecting its wildlife from poachers.

Several of the Tanzanians are coming from a community that has reinstated traditional forms of conservation, improving the quality of the area's soil. The improved conditions support the production of food products like fruits, meat and milk. The overall result has been a major improvement of both the natural environment and

the livelihood of the community.

As far as host families are concerned, the program is flexible; all you need is a spare room. Anyone can be a host, meaning families, single people and seniors. Hosts receive a \$140/week stipend for food costs. Equal numbers of males and females are participating in the program.

Doner will also be looking for businesses and community organizations where the youth can volunteer.

Doner is holding an information session on July 9 at Family Services in Haliburton from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 457-9232 for details.

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New SBES principal has a few tricks up her sleeve

ANDY LLOYD

Staff Reporter

She may be a clown, but you won't find Micheline Roy donning a painted face and a bright red nose around the halls of Stuart Baker Elementary School next year. Then again, if you're lucky you might.

The new principal took up clowning as a hobby eight years ago, naming herself Clown Michou, a nickname her parents gave her as a young child. It started as a way to do something fun for her own children but Roy quickly became a birthday party favourite performing magic shows, making balloon animals and painting faces. She's now a member of the Clown Canada Association, attending clowning workshops and courses as well as performing at private parties, in nursing homes and hospitals.

Although Roy reserves her clown persona for special circumstances at school, the skill does come in handy. "If you have a child who's angry or upset or confused they need to feel there's a friend around. A little magic is a nice way to warm up to them. You can bring some warmth into their lives and establish trust," she says. Roy usually has some magic up her sleeve, or rather in her desk

drawer for these situations.

She is leaving her post as vice principal at Gravenhurst Elementary School to come to SBES. Roy has been teaching for 26 years in places such as Lindsay, Bracebridge and most recently Gravenhurst. She grew up in Hearst.

Roy and her two daughters, aged 10 and 12, are moving to Haliburton. "It's quite a big change for me to move again. I was debating if I should. But when I went to Stuart Baker I fell in love with the school. I felt at home. I took my kids to their school and they fell in love with it too," Roy says. Her daughters will attend J.D. Hodgson. "We're going to make Haliburton our home."

Roy plans to settle down here. She foresees staying at SBES until her retirement.

One of the main reasons Roy was attracted to SBES was its French immersion program. Of her parents' 12 children only four learned to speak English. Growing up Roy saw the value of being bilingual as she watched her siblings who didn't speak English struggle. "I truly believe it's the best gift you can give your kids," she says.

Of SBES' other attributes Roy explains, "When I went it was the atmosphere and the teachers. They really work as a team. It's a very welcoming school. I was



ANDY LLOYD/Echo

Micheline Roy knows how to clown around - she's a member of Clown Canada. But she's very serious about her new passion for SBES.

impressed by the parent volunteer program. It's the best I've ever seen."

"Getting a new principal can be stressful for students and staff. But I want to keep doing what [retiring principal]

Debbie Wales was doing. It's going to be hard to fill her shoes. She is really loved by the staff and the kids. But I'm not afraid of a challenge. I'm willing to take a chance and move on."

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Wilberforce graduates set sights on future

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The prospect of going to a new school is bringing excitement to Wilberforce Elementary School's Grade 6 graduates. Carolyn Barnes, the 2003 Valedictorian, believes her graduating class will continue with new dreams when they attend J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School (JDHES) in the autumn.

"And, now we leave Wilberforce Elementary, the school some of us have gone to all our lives, and go on to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School; a place of new hopes, new dreams, and new opportunities," Carolyn said. "My only advice is this: follow your dreams, never give up no matter what happens, always try your hardest, and be yourself."

In the closing remarks WES Principal Birdie Murphy echoed the same sentiment. She said the students are leaving WES, but have an "exciting new adventure lying ahead of them at JDHES."

WES teacher Chris Lynd thanked the Student Council members for their enthusiasm. They contributed to events that would not have been successful otherwise. The council helped to raise nearly \$200 for World Vision, providing two families with a goat and two students the opportunity to attend school.

The school used the graduation as an opportunity to publically thank the school volunteers making fundraising, and trips possible. Volunteers are also crucial for permitting the running of the music program and the library. School mugs were presented to 19 volunteers who attended the ceremony.

Barnes was short on time, but big on encouragement.

"Last, but not least, let's have a big round of applause for the Grade 6's. We made it. Thank you," Carolyn said.

After the ceremony, Murphy made special mention of the athletic achievements of Machenzie Neumann in cross country and track and field this year.

"We are especially proud of her outstanding achievements in placing fourth in the high jump at the district track and field competition," Murphy said



Award winners gather for one last time at graduation

(from left) Jamie Ruddell earned the Athletic award, Chantel Stephens earned the Citizenship award, Carolyn Barnes, who was also named valedictorian, earned the Academic and French awards, Caitlyn Clancy earned the Perseverance award, and Kyle Steele earned the Most Improved award.



Grade 6 graduates gather for a group photo. The graduates are (not in picture order): Sarah Bannon, Sarah Blake, Kelly Clancy, Jarrett Donaldson, Nygel Harris-Saxby, Kristyn Hutt, Michael Nicholson, Kayla Scott, Chantel Stephens, Jocelyn Townsend, Natasha Visscher, Carolyn Barnes, Caitlyn Clancy, C.J. Clarkson, Leah Grant, Collin Hutchinson, Machenzie Neumann, Jamie Ruddell, Kyle Steele, Sonny Tallman, Zack Townsend

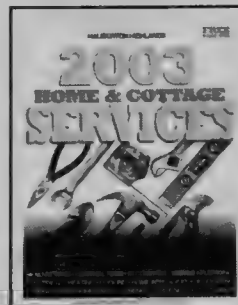
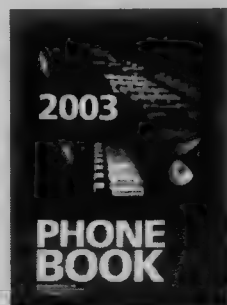
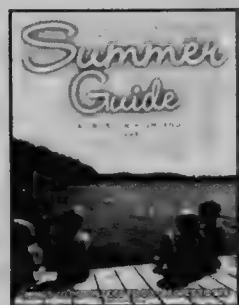


Mrs. Murray shouts out 'Wilberforce' just as her Grade 3/4 class spells the village's name after performing a year-end dance.



Valedictorian Carolyn Barnes exclaims, emphasizing a joke in her speech to the graduating class of 2003.

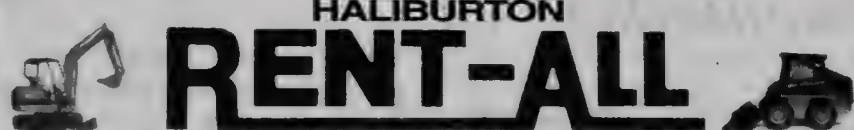
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Senior Games winners

Senior Summer Games winners posed for a photo after an awards banquet organized by Harold Bebbington held at the Haliburton Legion on June 26.

The competitors are from both Haliburton County and Muskoka. The seniors competed in 15 events through May and June including various card games, shuffle board, swimming, walking, golf and five pin bowling.



Tight race after three rounds in men's golf league

The Haliburton Men's Golf Travel League prepares for its third event of the season, Thursday, July 17th at Oliver's Nest Golf Club near Lindsay. The league consists of four teams with 6 players per team and the format is 'match play', similar to the Ryder Cup. The teams were created back in April where 4 team captains drafted players from three handicap divisions with the matches then being formulated to have players compete in those divisions. A win earns the team one point and a tie receives a half point.

The first event was held May 15th at Deerhurst's Highland's Golf Course outside of Huntsville. Phil Jung's team, consisting of Doug Prozak, Mike Keaney, Rick Bain, Dave Willis and Ron May earned four points to take a one point lead over two other teams. On June 12th the league visited Bigwin Island Golf Club in the Lake of Bays. The team captained by Kim Colliss came through with three and a half points to get back into contention.

Team totals going into the third of five scheduled events this summer: Team 2, captained by Phil Jung has 7 points. Team 4, captained by Ken Rosenberg has

6 points, and Teams 1 and 3, headed by Kim Colliss and Hugh Nichol, each have 5 and a half points.

Deerhurst Highlands Results

Mike Keaney def. Kim Colliss, 2 and 1
Eldon Bull def. Doug Prozak, 1 up
Hugh Nichol def. Leigh Bull, 6 and 4
Dave Dollo and Pat Morrison, even
Phil Jung def. Tom Ecclestone, 6 and 5
Mac Gadway def. Rick Rutting, 3 and 2
Ken Rosenberg and Bob Nichol, even
Steve Ecclestone def. Walk McKechnie, 1 up
Pat Quesnel def. Dave Willis, 2 and 1
Ron May def. Jack Berry, 2 and 1
Rick Bain def. Scotty Larue, 4 and 3

Chad Bain def. Chris Coneybeare, 2 up

Bigwin Island Results

Bob Nichol def. Scotty Larue, 6 and 5
Mac Gadway def. Dave Willis, 2 and 1
Ken Rosenberg def. Doug Prozak, 2 and 1
Pat Morrison and Kim Colliss, even
Hugh Nichol def. Eldon Bull, 4 and 3
Colin Morrison def. Phil Jung, 4 and 3
Ron May def. Paul Prentice, 6 and 5
Jack Berry def. Chris Coneybeare, 2 and 1
Tom Ecclestone def. Steve Ecclestone, 1 up
Dave Clark def. Rick Rutting, 2 and 1

Mike Keaney def. Scott McPhail, 7 and 5

Rick Bain def. Leigh Bull, 1 up

Scheduled Matches for Oliver's Nest

Eldon Bull vs Ken Rosenberg
Bob Nichol vs Rick Bain
Scotty Larue vs Leigh Bull
Hugh Nichol vs Doug Prozak
Tom Ecclestone vs Mac Gadway
Phil Jung vs Rick Rutting
Pat Quesnel vs Walt McKechnie
Dave Willis vs Steve Ecclestone
Kim Colliss vs Chad Bain
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Ron May vs Chris Coneybeare

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Chamber news: *West Nile and you*

West Nile Virus in the Highlands - what you need to know

A comprehensive information page on West Nile Virus (WNV) has been posted on the front page of the county web site. It contains everything you need to know about West Nile in our region, including the fact that the two species of mosquitoes that carry WNV don't live here.

We recommend printing the information and having it handy to discuss with clients, customers, guests or callers who may have questions or concerns about the disease and its impact on our region. You are advised to ensure your staff members are fully aware of what's true and what's not true about WNV in case your customers or guests question them. You may also want to e-mail the link to current or long-term guests so they, too, may understand the truth about WNV.

There is much misinformation about WNV in the public realm right now, and as a community we are best advised to understand it instead of fearing it. Like SARS, West Nile is now a fact of life for Ontarians. While we need to be educated about it, and perhaps wary of it, we must each do our part to mitigate its effects on our community's economy.

Go to www.county.haliburton.on.ca and click on the mosquito.

Student update

We are pleased that Ryan Cole is back with us full time for the summer. Ryan joined us last year and is a natural Travel Counsellor for our region. Ryan also worked weekends for us through the winter.

New this summer is Rebecca Howitt who is studying Travel and Tourism and is quite keen to get into the groove of our operations. Rebecca will be working a lot with Marketing Coordinator Carol Moffatt, so it's likely you'll hear from her sometime through the summer.

SARS Recovery Program

The provincial government has announced plans to cost-share up to 75% of eligible costs for approved tourism marketing campaigns in the domestic, U.S. and overseas market. This is exciting news but before you pick up the phone to find out how you can be involved, there are lots of details you need to have.

The Chamber of Commerce intends to submit an application to the Destination Marketing Partnership Fund (DMPF) under the SARS Recovery Program providing we receive the level of community support necessary and the partners identified meet the criteria set by the Ministry of Tourism.

The objectives of the program are for coordinated efforts that meet several criteria.

The partnership requirements and mandatory elements of the application process are substantial and will be very time-consuming on our part. Your cooperation is vital.

Due to current and ongoing projects it will be difficult to contact our tourism providers on an individual basis specifically for this program, so we will be undertaking the majority of this project via e-mail and fax. Please pay attention to notices from this office so you can remain informed. If you do not want to participate in this program, please let us know and we will take you off the contact list.

We are currently planning the approach to, and process of, the application. Members will be kept informed of the next steps. It is unfortunate that this comes at the start of the busy season, so we ask for your patience, cooperation and support in applying to this exciting program.

2004 Destination Guide

We are pleased to announce that Laurie Carmount of Earthen Design has been awarded the contract to design and manage the Destination Guide. Laurie's fresh and lively design of last year's guide was overwhelmingly received by the community and public alike. A few changes will be made to this year's guide, including a new cover, new photographs and some textual changes.

New Chamber Website + E-mail

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New Chamber Website: www.hhchamber.on.ca
Heather Deveaux - heather@hhchamber.on.ca;
Carol Moffatt - carol@hhchamber.on.ca;
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To be 'gay' is not a sin

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people whose only "sin" is to be born with a primary orientation to others of the same sex. It is now well documented that homosexuality occurs naturally in hundreds of species in the natural world. Whether you believe that "God don't make no junk" or you believe that creatures evolve for a purpose, it should be clear by now that diversity benefits us all.

I believe that the time has come to celebrate same sex marriage, with all the incumbent rights and obligations, and in the presence of the community and the divine.

Norris Turner
West Guilford

Prejudice still all too common in society

To the Editor:

I have just read the letter from Harry Morgan expressing "profound disappointment" at the government's support of same sex marriage. I would like to express my profound sadness at the prejudice and lack of understanding evident in this letter.

Healthy psychological wellbeing derives from an interplay of factors, one of which is a secure, loving attachment to at least one parent. It is difficult but certainly not impossible to build that secure attachment where there is only one parent, and where there are two, it matters not at all whether the parents are of one gender or two, or even of one generation or two as in mother/grandmother-led families for instance. In families where both parents are the same gender, the extra stress they experience derives from the prejudice they may encounter in the community, as expressed by Mr. Morgan. With beliefs as expressed in this letter it is unlikely that Mr. Morgan has met families led by gay or lesbian couples, or would recognize their strengths if he did. The arrogance and fear, that this decision will "detract from the importance and dignity" of any family, that this letter demonstrates, is clear evidence that education is needed.

The Judeo Christian community is free to set its own rules for its own members, and its members are free to subscribe to these rules or not. In past generations the Judeo Christian community advocated beating wives and children, bans on interracial marriage, women voting, etc. Our society is indeed struggling, but it is simplistic and dangerous to throw blame at single mothers and gay marriage. Better to look for solutions and figure out what we each and all can do to support strong families and communities than sit in the dark and throw barbs.

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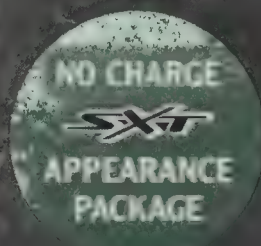
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HHSS students get Duke of Edinburgh Award from Prince Edward... page 21

JDHES grads ready for the excitement of high school

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It was an evening to celebrate achievements, applaud success and be grateful for the bonds of community as J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School bid farewell to the Grade 8 graduating class of 2003.

"As educators we have mixed feelings," Principal Michael Burke said as the hundreds of people in the stifling heat of the school's gym fanned themselves with the bright yellow pamphlets outlining the evening's event. "We're sad to see them go because they're part of our family but we're happy to kick them out."

He told the large graduating class that "High school is a totally different kind of experience. You'll meet challenges you don't have here. We're certainly hoping you will enjoy and work with your newfound maturity."

He encouraged them to seize "the wonderful opportunity to be the best you can be" and thanked everyone who has played a role in getting them this far - parents, teachers, school staff and the wider community.

In her often humorous speech, Valedictorian Natalia Rico highlighted some of the students' high jinx over the past year, including a spectacular food fight. "Thanks for putting up with our bad behaviour," she said to parents and teachers.

But she also had a few serious moments. In the past year, she said, students would often go



Heather Mulholland and Lauren Penman celebrate.

home and turn on the news only to discover a world in turmoil. It made one appreciate what we have here in the Highlands, she said. "Be grateful to live in a small, supportive community."

She also highlighted the school's many successes over the past year and to the retiring teachers she said, "Your contribution is well noted."

To everyone she said "Thank you for help us become better people."

"We'll miss JDHES but it's a big step forward in our lives," she concluded.

The following is this year's Grade 8 graduating class, with students who attained honours in bold.

CLC-Mrs. Eastmure: Erica Jane Roberts

BP-Mrs. Boyle: Joel Brookhouse, Derek Adam Wilson

8A-Mr Hicks: **Nicole Baumgartner**, Justine Bourgeois, **Shawn Brix**, Jordan Brown, Courtney Cook, Andrew Cooper, Jennifer Cumming, Adam Decarlo, Cameron Douglas, Daniel Drain, Jesse Fimio, Andrew Flowers, Kimberly Gale, Nicholas Greaves, Ebonne Guy, Austin Harris-Saxby, Cassandra Jodoin, Kasey Lewis, Jordan Mannell, **Katelyn Patterson**, Daniel Paul, Leanna Pearsell, Rafiq Shivji, David Wright, Sarah Wrightman

8B-Mrs Dron: **Porsche Bagg**, Courtney Barnum, Kailey Bateman, Whitney Bekkema, Tiffany Billings, David Blake, Peter Cowen, Sara Dickenson, **Kyle Evans**, Kaitlyn Fearrey,



Whitney Bekkema and Jordana Graham are ready to move on.

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MARTHA PERKINS PHOTOS / Echo

The gowns were as beautiful as the smiles on the young graduates' faces following the ceremony.



Academic excellence awards were given to student in each class who attained the highest average grade: Julie Bagg, Heather Mulholland, Shawn Brix and Jennifer Jowett.



Citizenship awards were given to the student of each class who got along with fellow students and staff and was helpful, pleasant and willing to go beyond what was asked. Effort is a key. The recipients are Andrew Flowers, Brent Maxwell, Nicole Lever and Jessica Foulds.



Leadership awards were given to the student of each class who shows positive leadership and good citizenship and is respectful and polite. The recipients are Kenton Winn, Nicole Baumgartner, Lauren Penman, and Robbie Sherwood.



To be named the top male or female athlete of the year, the student must participate in most sports activities, show sportsmanship, commitment and respect, attend practices and always be positive and encouraging. Teacher Eva Griffith presented the awards to Natalia Rico and Devin Hunter.



Outstanding distinction awards were given to the student of each class who attained honours, was polite, considerate and respectful towards staff, and participated in extra-curricular activities. In other words, a student who was well grounded and accomplished. The recipients were David Wright, Porsche Bagg, Tamara Bain and Natalia Rico.

JDHES honours its graduates

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Lacey Finch, Kylie Gaspari, Joel Grant, Gary Griffin, Jennifer Hearn, Brandon Loney, Brent Maxwell, Heather Mulholland, Lauren Penman, Tara-Lyn Prindiville, Jesse Quibell, Chianne Thompson, Lesley Trotter, Brendan Watson

8C-Mrs. Griffith: Max Ambridge, Julie Bagg, Steven Bebbington, Jennifer Bigelow, Jamie Bolender, Vanessa Burk, Megan Deadman, Jessica Foulds, Morgan Giles, Jordana Graham, Allie Grove, Shannon Horvath, Devin Hunter, Danielle Hutchings, Karina King, David Perecko, Natalia Rico, Nikole Robinson, Ian

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8D-Mr. McConnell: Ashley Alden, Robert Ashworth, Tamara Bain, Curtis Barker, Robert Bjelis, Sandra Cary, Billie-Rose Clarkson, Matthew Cole, Jocelyn Donaldson, Joseph Gallagher, Kyle Hollands, Kala Jouxiaux, Jennifer Jowett, Patrick Kitcheman, Jordan Lesich, Nicole Lever, Stephanie Lewis, Angela Nicholson, James Roberts, Stephanie Roberts, Miranda Rowbotham, Joanna Rowbottom, Ryan Scheffee, Robert Sherwood, Monique St. Pierre, Christopher Woolcott.



These four teachers are graduating to retirement: Vice-principal Dave Kennedy, Julie Kennedy, Georgiena Boyle and Diane Dron. Absent is Shirley Jean Baker. Principal Michael Burke said "They leave quite a gap in our school." The teachers were given a standing ovation.

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To celebrate their 'graduation' to Grade 1, students do a special dance for their families and friends at Stuart Baker Elementary School. Principal Debbie Wales was also dressed up to get her ready for the more relaxed pace of retirement. At left she gets a hug from a student.
Darren Lum photos

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IGA gets cracking on Easter Seals fundraiser

ANDY LLOYD

Staff Reporter

Haliburton's IGA raised just under \$2,000, more than any other retailer in the county, for this year's Easter Seals paper egg campaign.

For just over a month, cashiers were asking customers to purchase an egg for \$2. Customers were then invited to write their name on the egg and have it displayed in the store to show their support.

The money went to Easter Seals, a charitable foundation that helps children with physical disabilities. And the good news is the money raised at Haliburton retailers stays in the community, helping local kids.

Six businesses in the county participated, raising a total of \$4,000. That's up dramatically from just \$1,000 last year. Anne Driscoll, Easter Seals district manager, couldn't be happier.

On June 13 she presented IGA owner Bob Park with an award recognizing his store's efforts. Handing

over the award, she said, "We rely on community donations and people like yourself Bob, who get behind the program and say let's do this."

Driscoll says there are 13 children in Haliburton County who receive assistance from Easter Seals. She brought along one of them, Anthony Micallef of Stanhope. Easter Seals pitched in to have a wheelchair lift installed in Anthony's family van, allowing him to get in and out of the vehicle with ease. The charity helped to purchase a lift for his home, too. It also paid in part for Anthony to attend a summer camp.

Items like these don't come cheap and often there isn't any government funding available to families. Some lifts, like the one installed in Anthony's van, can cost as much as \$25,000. A power wheelchair can be just as pricey. And just 10 days at an Easter Seals camp costs \$2,000. But through the community's support, Easter Seals is able to subsidize many of these things, lessening the financial burden on families.



Anne Driscoll of the Easter Seals Society, left, praised Haliburton IGA's Bob Park, right, for his store's involvement in the egg campaign which raises money for people such as Anthony Micallef and his foster mom, Sylvia Claridge.

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(applicant - HEYES)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF GLAMOR LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 8th day of July 2003, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 34, Concession 12, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 4 and 5 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by H. Curry Bishop, dated July 30, 2002. (Part 5 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 24th day of June, 2003.

SHARON STOUGHTON-CRAIG
CAO/CLERK-TREASURER
Box 295 Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0

NOTICE

(applicant - NEUFELD)

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Part of Lot 12, Concession 15 designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to Inst. 15156 being Part 2 on Plan 19R-7580 and part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Parts 3, 4 and 5 on Plan 19R-7580 (Part 4 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

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Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 32, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Jeffrey E. Buisman, O.L.S., dated April 24, 2003.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

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Local teen shares a laugh and a quiche with a prince

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

Living in Haliburton County has its perks but meeting royalty is not usually among them unless you are a Varty.

Sisters Kim and Joann Varty got to meet Prince Andrew, Queen Elizabeth's youngest son, at the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards ceremony last year when Kim received her gold medal. This year not only did Joann get her chance to stand in the spotlight while receiving the same honour but she was also invited to dine with his royal highness on June 24, in London, Ontario.

The 18-year-old Lake Kashagawigamog teen was amongst five award recipients to dine with the Prince from across Ontario. It turns out Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and one other school had the largest number of recipients so representatives were chosen

SHAWN HAGERMAN/Special to The Echo



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School shared the honour of having most students receive the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award but HHSS was the only public school represented at the ceremony. Getting their picture taken with Prince Edward afterwards were Abby-Blythe Hagerman, Amanda Lawlor, Jenna Benoit, Joann Varty, Andrew Mansfield and Kerry Schakeloor. Meredith Brown and Lesley Pearsell also received the award.

from each school. Joann was the youngest and the only one to come from a public school while the rest of the table came from cadets or private schools.

Prince Andrew arrived in a limo and waited while his security team checked all the washrooms and elevators before he was officially piped into the building.

The prince it turns out was keen to learn about his Canadian subjects and asked several questions, leaving Joann no real chance to brag about her lake's crocodile sighting last summer. Joann says everyone else at the table was studying law, business, nursing and so she surprised him by her intention to attend Laurentian University this fall to

study physical recreation and sports.

"I was different and he was really interested in hearing about what my favourite sports were and what the length of the program is. It was so nerve wracking sitting there with everyone else in the room mingling but all eyes were on us. When we left I had no idea what I'd said at the table," she recalled.

She vividly recalled though a tray of small quiches being passed to her and in the passing they all tumbled on to the

table.

"I went so red. I thought 'Oh my God, it just had to be me'," she says laughing. "He was hilarious. He said 'Oh, did you want one of those?' He was funny. I didn't expect him to be so laid back, he was very nice."

Her mom Ann was busted for trying to take his picture while they were eating a no-no, but the Prince forgave her and let Joann and Kim pose with him for a picture before leaving.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed to be in the interest of the Municipality, adopt the new Official Plan for the Municipality at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, July 14th, 2003.

Public and agency comments to the draft Official Plan have been reviewed and carefully discussed by Council. Council's response to these comments is recorded in the document "Draft Official Plan - Public Meeting and Agency Response". This document is available from the Municipal Office or from the Municipality's web site at www.county.haliburton.on.ca. This document records the Council direction for changes to the text of the Official Plan.

THE NEW OFFICIAL PLAN will be available for review after July 7th, 2003. Copies will be available from the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 26th day of June, 2003.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A
ZONING BY-LAW

BY-LAW 03-22

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands passed By-law No. 03-22 on the 19th day of June, 2003, under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P.13.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect to the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, not later than the 16th day of July, 2003, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law, the reasons in support of the objection, and the fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group, however, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

LOCATION OF LANDS

The Zoning By-law will affect all lands within the Township and therefore no map is provided as part of this notice. This By-law replaces all existing zoning by-laws in the Township.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the By-law is to prohibit the use of land and the erection of buildings and structures except for such purposes as are set out in this By-law and to regulate the type of construction, height, bulk, location, size, floor area, spacing, character and use of buildings or structures on the lands covered by this By-law. The By-law is intended to conform with and implement the policies contained within the Township's Official Plan.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review during regular offices hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 26th day of June, 2003

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West Guilford students among many HHSS grads who earn distinctions

There are so many young people to be proud of once again at graduation time. From Guilford and immediate area we congratulate the following: Jaime Bilodeau, daughter of Angela and the late Mike Bilodeau; Joel Cooper, son of Greg and Cheryl Cooper; Matt Flowers, son of Peggy and David Flowers; Abby Blythe Hagerman, with the added distinction of the presentation of a Millennium Scholarship, daughter of Shawn and Dianne Hagerman; Chris Postill, son of Liz and Christopher Postill of Maple Lake; Chase Rodley, son of Harry Rodley and the late Cindy Rodley; Alex Sisson, who also distinguishing himself as valedictorian, son of Martin and Vicki Sisson, and his twin Mary and daughter of same; Jeremy Miscio, son of Vicki and Larry Miscio; Joey Sisson, son of Kevin and Bev Sisson; Jen Moore, daughter of Daryl and Kelly Moore, graduating with Ontario Academic Credits; Peter Lancia, also on O.A.C. recipient, and son of Cathy and Vince Lancia; Alana Woodcock, also an O.A.C. recipient and granddaughter of Eileen Stamp, formerly

of West Guilford and daughter of Robin and Bob Woodcock; Ryan Sisson, son of Shane and Linda Sisson; Sara Sisson, daughter of Russell and Doreen Sisson, and Brian Tink, son of Sophia and Brian Tink of Maple Lake area. Well done, all of you!

Our sympathy to the family of Earle Barry who died on June 20, 2003.

Our sympathy also to Keith Burns whose mother passed away on June 26 in Peterborough.

Congratulations to Adine Adam and Don Miller on the birth of their son Braedon Macdonald Miller at Ross Memorial Hosp. in Lindsay on June 23, 2003.

Hats off to Angela Bilodeau for her timely support to Wendy Snelgrove when support and encouragement meant so much.

Recent company at Jim and Maggie Milne's were the Milne sisters and in-law relations. Iris Adams, Janet Stephenson, Heather Kerrigan and Mary Milne. David Milne joined them later in the weekend.

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Eleanor Cooper
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Water, water everywhere, but when is it safe to drink? New regulations will cause headaches for local businesses

New water rules affect businesses

ERIN TENNANT

Staff Reporter

Commercial business owners may have to seek professional advice for meeting new provincial standards on drinking water systems (DWSs).

The new drinking water legislation from the Ministry of the Environment, which was drafted in the wake of the Walkerton incident, took effect on June 1 and presents various minimum standards of treatment for public DWSs.

"What we now have is a regulation that considers the variety of water outlets in Ontario - this really is a good news story," said SGS Lakefield Research consultant, John Desbiens, who spoke at a public seminar at the Northern Light Performing Arts Pavilion last Thursday night.

However, the rules present new complications for owners of bed & breakfasts, motels, restaurants, campgrounds, marinas, service clubs, nursing homes, schools - or any other commercial property that provides drinking water to the public.

Commercial business owners are now required to read through the regulation (it can be viewed online at www.ene.gov.on.ca/) and determine what class their DWS now falls into to know which standards of treatment their drinking water must satisfy.

The DWS classes are divided among municipal and non-municipal, non-residential and residential (six or more private residences served by one DWS), small and large (a water flow of 2.9 litres per second or more), and year-round or seasonal (closed for 60 consecutive days in a year).

Also pertinent is the water source type - groundwater (deep wells) or surface water (lakes, streams and rivers).

Treatments involve the disinfection of viruses, such as giardia and cryptosporidium, as well as the filtration of chlorine, organic contaminants and particles like clays and silts.

"Everyone has their own specific situation," said Desbiens, responding to concerns from local business owners that the regulation was too difficult to interpret.

Business owners must have their DWS checked by an engineer for compliance and then submit reports to the Ministry.

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Wilberforce Outpost gets new roof

Volunteers get museum building ready to open for a busy summer season

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild is pleased that Highlands East has had the roofs at the Outpost Museum reshingled. Leaks had occurred in the porches and kitchen and the main roof shingles were quite old. This much needed work was completed last Thursday and Friday despite the extreme heat. Guild volunteers worked hard on Friday to get the interior of the building cleaned and ready for opening day on Saturday, June 28, just as they had worked earlier on the flower bed. The museum is open daily 11 to 4 until Labour Day. Student guides James or Trish will be pleased to welcome you.

The Black Fly Repeater Association Annual Meeting (10 a.m.) and Barbecue

is this Saturday, July 5, at the Lloyd Watson Centre and Park. This meeting is a great opportunity for seasonal as well as permanent ham radio residents to meet in a friendly setting.

The United Church Strawberry Supper at the LWMC was a popular event on Saturday, June 28. Delicious strawberry shortcake topped off varied salads and choice of home cooked turkey, ham and beef. Thank you to all the dedicated people who work so hard for their church, and who in doing so, provide a pleasant, tasty meal for mem-

bers of the community to enjoy.

Among the yard sales that provided some good bargains this past weekend were those at Ruby and Harold Alden's yard for the Girl Guides and the once at St. Margaret's Church. Thanks to all who donated, worked and who came shopping. Many useful items changed hands!

Haven't the flowers on the sculpture mound and perennial bed been a delightful sight this year? Thanks to all the volunteers who provide this welcoming oasis in our village.

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Hilda Clark

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The Recreation Committee continues to prepare for our annual summer festival: Country Good Times which is on July 18, 19 and 20. The theme is Shake It Up. Have you been thinking of how to show that theme in your entry in the Parade? There are several changes this year - but we are going to have a Good Time!

Looking for some good summer theatre? There's lots of happening in in both Haliburton and Bancroft. Check *County Life*, as well as posters and brochures for titles, dates and phone numbers.

Best wishes to Harcourt, as its residents celebrate their centennial, especially on the weekend of July 11, 12 & 13.

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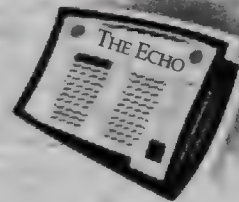
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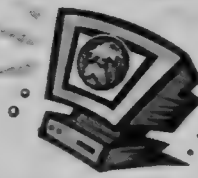
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290 COMING EVENTS

13th Annual Artisan Festival & Antique Show
at the Minden Community Centre
This is a juried show with over 60 vendors offering quality fine art and craft, and antiques.

A tea room and demonstrations available each day.
Admission by donation. Plenty of free parking.

Friday, July 4 from 1 to 6 p.m.
Saturday, July 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
For more information call the **Agnes Jamieson Gallery** at 286-3763.

CA

DECORATION DAY SERVICE

Maple Lake United Church
Hwy. #118 & Airport Rd.
July 13 - 2 p.m.
Refreshments following.
Rain or shine.

CA

FLEA MARKET

Sponsored by: Ladies Auxiliary (Sports) Branch #129
Royal Canadian Legion
Saturday, July 5
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Legion Hall, Haliburton
Includes Bake Table and Lunch Counter

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HALIBURTON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY SUMMER SALE
Baking, books, white elephant table, gift items, childrens wear, and much more.

Friday, July 4 - 10 to 2
Main Street (at Sharpleys)
next to the Butcher Block
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290 COMING EVENTS

MINDEN AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, July 8, 2003 - 7:15 p.m.
Show and Tell with Judging Tips by Gloria Spellin
Bring "show" samples to be critiqued.
Treats will be "Strawberry Delights" Minden Community Centre
Everyone Welcome.

PICK YOUR OWN STRAWBERRIES

at Dunloe Farm, West Guilford
starting approximately July 2nd.
Call 754-3034
for picking times. Extra empty baskets would be appreciated.

PILATES MATWORK CLASSES

7-week Summer Session
Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.
July 2 - August 20
(No class July 16th)
Heritage Ballet 457-1990.

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS EVENING

Dr. Michael Jewett,
Princess Margaret Hospital
Speaking on
Prostate Cancer: The problem
Tuesday, July 8th, 7:00 p.m.
Minden Community Centre
For more information, call 286-6699.

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STAINED GLASS LESSONS

Starting July 17
Call Lia's Glass Dreams
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STANHOPE FIREFIGHTERS' 18TH ANNUAL GIANT FLEA MARKET

Saturday, July 12
9:00 a.m. Sharp
Firefighters' Hall,
North Shore Road.
Great food available.
For donations, pickup, or information, call 489-1963 or 489-1755.
All proceeds to purchase Emergency Response Equipment

CA

STRAWBERRY FEST

Postponed from
June 28 to July 5th
due to cool spring
at Minden Farmers' Market.
We are there weekly 9 to 1 p.m.
Come join us for some delicious fun at the Market.
Kinmount Farmers' Market
Fridays 1 to 5 p.m. as well!
Call Jean 457-2214.

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SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM at HERITAGE BALLET

Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25
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3 programs to choose from for ages 4 and up with highly qualified teachers
Kennetha O'Heary (Toronto), Nicole Fougere (Toronto), Pamela Robins (Sault Ste. Marie) and Deborah Kerman Rumack (Israel)
Please call 457-1990 for more info or to register.

290 COMING EVENTS

The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists presents the Junior Naturalists Summer Program for nature enthusiasts aged 8-10.

Tuesdays, starting July 8, 10-12 noon, Glebe Park
Registration required, \$10. per session
Contact Jean Godawa 457-5357 or email: jean.godawa@utoronto.ca

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THE ROCKCLIFFE TAVERN

July 12 - TOGA, 9:00 p.m.
Win Molson and Woody's Prizes
Thursday - Karaoke
Friday & Saturday night - D.J.
70's & 80's Music

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THERMALS

exhibition at the
Agnew Jamieson Gallery
June 25 to July 16
by Darlene Lazdin
Collection of drawings dealing with movement using reflected and refracted light with varying transparencies using fused thermal pigments.
Gallery Hours:
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE SOME FUN, "Learn to Play the Violin" - Canadian Old Time Fiddle Style or your choice. Contact William at 489-2573. "Beginner violin instrument packages available."

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THE BEAR'S DEN is open daily from 10:00 - 6:00, except we close at 3:00 on Saturdays so we can go riding. We offer motorcyclists a wide range of products and parts, and our parts are only 24 hours away. We have also extended our horizons and you should stop in and see what we can offer Off Road Enthusiasts. So...give us a call at (705) 286-3211 or, better yet, stop by and check us out (right beside Minden City). Just follow the bear to his den.

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330 YARD/GARAGE SALES

GIANT YARD SALE
Saturday, July 5th
Take 118 east of Haliburton to Dover Spring Road, follow to Beechwood Subdivision Lot 8W.
Books, Puzzles, Treasures!

YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, July 5, 2003
Starts at 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Please no early visitors
Old Donald Rd.
1st house on left
Various items, New Danskinn DanceWear discounted, many more surprises.

YARD SALE

Friday, July 4, 5 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, July 5, 8 - 3:00 p.m.
N. Kashagawigamog Rd. 1st house on right
(Road off Hwy. 121 between Hilltop & Pinestone
Table/chairs, lamps, baby items, carpet ends, doors, toys and much more.
457-5038.

340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

NORM MILLS AUCTION SALE
Real Estate & Estate Auction
of Ken McKnight
Sat., July 5, 9:30 a.m.

UPDATE: Please be advised the Real Estate is comprised of two separately deeded properties and will be up for Auction at 1:30 p.m. #1 Deeded Property lies to the southerly side of Hwy. 121 and is essentially water access to Kushog Lake, 50' x 125' approximately. #2 Deeded Property lies to the Northerly side of Hwy. 121 and is approximately 3-1/2 acres with the 3 bdrm. house, 2 car garage and 2 out buildings on it. NOTE: (1) The top bids will be subject to vendor's approval; (2) Deposits of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars) on Property #1 and \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) on Property #2, will be required from successful bidder(s); (3) Closing date 40 days or as arranged by solicitors.

DIRECTIONS: Just west of Haliburton Village on Hwy. 121, see signs. Mr. McKnight was an active long time resident of Haliburton. There are beautiful antique pieces in this "entire estate" - a long sale! **SHORT PARTIAL LIST:** Antique tea wagon, piano, china cabinet, barley twist wall table, Barley twist fern stand, Walnut parlour table, 4-Harp back chairs, Duncan Fyffe table, corner china cabinet, Bird's eye/Oak Book case, Oak buffet, mantel clocks by Arthur Pequegnat Berline Ontario, Ingraham, Waterbury, Piano stool, Barley twist coat/hat tree, vanity, red cedar blanket box, metronome, sewing cabinet, childrens cut glass cream and sugar etc., antique doll, crosscut saws, barn Augers, clothes rack, fern table, boys "Union Tool Chest", cabinet planes, snow shoes, press back rocker, wicker shopping cart, glass ware, Staffordshire, Myott, Avon pcs., Jewellery, violin, 10 assorted large beautiful picture frames, child's wicker carriage, pickle crock, Brass Bed, small cast iron pot belly stove, bubble glass picture frame, sad irons, trivets, carnival glass, cranberry, lead glass assorted pcs. Stihl 048 chain saw, small table saw, jointer, Wet/dry Vac, oars, paddles, maple syrup cans, chainfall 14' aluminum canoe, 12' aluminum boat, 3 h.p. Evinrude boat motor, extension ladder, Roto tiller, B&S mower. John Deer TRS 27" snow blower, J.D. self propelled mower, wheelbarrows. Hitachi col. T.V., apartment clothes dryer, regular kitchen effects, living room, bedroom effects. Please note: long sale, please dress for Haliburton weather ie. snow, equator temperature, blackflies, hail, and etc. With such a great offering this is the classic auction of the year. To list your auction call early. **Norm Mills, Auctioneer/Appraiser** (705) 286-3535.

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460 OBITUARIES

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Join the prepaid Community Meeting in Haliburton!
Monday July 7 6:30pm
Lakeside Baptist Church, Park St., Haliburton
This will be a 9 week series.
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440 THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS my love and sincere thanks to friends, neighbours and relatives for cards, gifts, lovely cake and best wishes I received on my 80th birthday. Thanks for all the plaques of recognition. It made me feel real important. Special thanks to my family for the afternoon tea and coffee and the delicious dinner in the evening. Love and thanks to all **Margaret Burke**.

The family of the late GLENN ANDERSON offer their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, gifts of food, floral arrangements, and messages of comfort extended to us during a very difficult time. Your prayers, hugs, love and support are helping us cope with this most unexpected loss. Thank you so very much. **Jean Anderson and family, and Dorothy Anderson.**

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK all our family, friends and neighbours for the strong support given to us during this difficult time. For the many prayers, visits, calls, food, flowers and cards. To Dr. Bottum and all the nurses for the wonderful care given to Jamie during his stay in hospital. To Father John Lacey, the folk group, the Knights of Columbus, the CWL and all our parish family of St. Anthony's Church. To Molly Freeman and staff of Haliburton Funeral Home for their guidance, support and thoughtfulness. All deeds of Love, kindness and support of us all are greatly appreciated. **Love Patricia Liddle and Family.**

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK all our friends and relatives for their acts of kindness, flowers and cards at the time of Bill's death. **Hilda Attridge and Family.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

DONALDSON, LARRY - July 2/2002.
We often think of days gone by,
When we were all together,
A shadow o'er our lives has cast,
Our loved one gone forever.
Lovingly remembered. **Marion and Family.**

DONALDSON, LARRY - July 2/2002.
While you, dear dad, rest and sleep
Your loving memory I'll always keep.
Always remembered. **Chrissie.**

McCOLL, ELSIE - In loving memory of our mother Elsie McColl who passed away 2 years ago.
It's only "goodnight" dear mother,
It is just what we used to say,
We will see you again in the morning,
At the dawn of a beautiful day.
Loved and missed by all her family,
Beatrice, Clayton, Vera, Doris, Glen and Sylvia.

McCOLL, ELSIE - In loving memory of our grandmother Elsie McColl who passed away 2 years ago.
Take her in Thine arms, dear Lord,
And ever let her be
A messenger of love
Between our hearts and Thee.
Remembered and loved by all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

460 OBITUARIES

ABERNETHY, LLOYD JAMES KINSLEY - August 4, 1922 - June 22, 2003. Peacefully at Highland Wood Long Term Care Facility in Haliburton, Ontario. Predeceased by his loving wife Jessie Devolin, Lloyd was the beloved father of Blanche and her husband John Dart of Minden, Ontario and George and his wife Ngaire of Brandon, Manitoba. Loving Pop, Poppa and Grandfather to Jackie Dart and her son Jesse, Adam Abernethy, Kent Brown and his sons Ryan and Cody and Scott Brown. Lloyd's teaching career began in Temiskaming, Ontario and led him to schools in Huron, Clute and Cochrane where he became Supervising Principal of Cochrane Public Schools in 1949. From 1954-1955 he was the Principal of Amherstburg Public School after which he moved to Markham, Ont. and served as the Principal of Franklin Street Public School until he was appointed Supervising Principal of Markham Public Schools, position he held until 1969. In 1969 Lloyd returned to Franklin Street Public School where he remained as Principal until his retirement in 1985. Lloyd graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1964 and later from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Education Degree in 1966. Lloyd also served as a member of the Cochrane Public Utilities Commission from 1952-1954, as a member of Markham Village Council from 1964-1968 and as a Master of Universe Lodge in 1969. Funeral Services were held at the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home in Markham, Ontario June 26, 2003. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, Markham. Donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, P.O. Box 1413, Haliburton, Ont. K0M 1S0.

AT REST
DOREEN H. (nee Barry) SAMELLS
Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home,
Minden on Saturday, June 28, 2003
In her 80th year.

Beloved wife of Gordon, dear mother of Karen Ross (Len) of North Bay, Barry (Valorie) of Washago and predeceased by Barbara Lee and Albert Brent. Loving grandmother of Joanne Ross and David Ross. Daughter of the late Harry and Agnes Barry (nee Kemohan), sister of Karl Barry and predeceased by Murray and Muriel. Sister-in-law of Helen Barry, Ross Pritchard and predeceased by Eileen Barry. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Monday from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

CA

AT REST
IRIS RUTH "SANDY" WHITE

Sandy passed away at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay after a brief illness on Saturday, June 28, 2003

In her 89th year.

Originally from Midland, Ontario, Sandy was a long time resident on Mountain Lake in Minden Township. She moved here in 1956 and opened her store "Sandy White Woolens" on Minden's Main Street. Through the 1960's and 70's, she operated her store during the busy tourist season then relocated each winter to the Laurentian Mountains in Quebec where her ski shop catered to the winter sports enthusiasts. Sandy traveled each spring to Ireland where she personally selected and imported only the finest Irish goods for her shops in Toronto, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Collingwood. Sandy was predeceased by her sisters Evelyn and Thossie. In honoring Sandy's wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Salvation Army would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.

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EBERTT, LEROY "BUTCH" - In Loving memory of Leroy "Butch" Ebertt (Resident of Haliburton) At Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, June 21, 2003 in his 63rd year. Dear brother of Gerry Ebertt and cousins Lester and Wayne Shelly and families. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews and friends in Haliburton. A Graveside Service was held at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton, Ont. on Wednesday, June 25, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME (705) 457-9209, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario.

CA

WHITEN, KEITH ALAN - Surrounded by his family at Kingston General Hospital on Tuesday, June 24, 2003. Keith, beloved husband of Daphne. Loving father of Paula and her husband Paul, Beverley and her husband Tim, Louise and her husband Ching, Richard and his wife Stacy and Gary and his wife Fiona. Cherished Papa of Nicholas, Brendon, Emily, Taylor, Ben, Andrew, Adam, Dray and Dakota. In addition, he will always be remembered by his many friends. Keith was deeply loved and will live forever in our hearts. Private family service. In Keith's memory donations may be made to the Haliburton Scout Reserve, Greater Toronto Region 265 Yorkland Blvd., (2nd floor), Toronto, Ont. M2J 5C7. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Robert J. Reid & Sons Funeral Home, 309 Johnson Street, (at Barrie Street) Kingston. Online Guest Book, Reid-FuneralHome.com (613) 548-7973.

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- **July 2: Bingo!** at Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) at 11 a.m. Everyone wins a prize! (behind Sears) - 286-1770.
- **July 3 & 10: Music In The Park** - free concerts in Austin Sawmill Park, Kinmount, Thursday, July 3rd and 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. bring a lawnchair to the picnic shelter below the falls and enjoy Don Wright's Candlelight Combo, featuring the favourites from fiddle to swing to fifties, to Abba.
- **July 4: Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary are holding a sale of home baking**, white elephant table, books, gift items, childrens wear, and much more. Proceeds to hospital equipment.
- **July 5: The Annual General Meeting of the Moore Lake Property Owners' Association** will be held at the Noble Motel off Hwy. 35 in Moore Falls. Coffee and registration from 9:30 - 10 a.m. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. Guest speakers, Reeve Ross Rigney and Officer McMaster of the OPP Marine Unit. Please bring a lawn chair.
- **July 5: Salad & Strawberry Supper** - St. Peters Anglican Church, Maple Lake. Sat., 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Preschoolers free. Pay at the door. For more info call Geraldine at 754-4428.
- **July 5 & 6: 2nd Annual Yard & Craft Sale.** Irondale Community Centre. Book your table now! Donations greatly appreciated. Contact Sabine 447-2313.
- **July 8: The Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists** presents the Junior Naturalists Summer Program for nature enthusiasts aged 8-10 Tuesdays, starting July 8, 10-12 noon. Glebe Park. Registration: \$10 per session. Call Jean Godawa 457-5357 or email: jean.godawa@utoronto.ca.
- **July 9: Stanhope Adult Soccer** - Ages 19+ starting Wednesday, July 9th at the Stanhope Fire Hall, North Shore Rd., 6:30 p.m. For more info. or to register call Dorset Rec. Centre 766-9968. Registration \$5./person.
- **July 10: Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 129, Haliburton, General Meeting**, Thursday 7:30 p.m.
- **July 12: The Norland Firefighters Assoc. presents: Second Annual Truck and Tractor Pull** with People's Choice Show & Shine. Sat., July 12th, 1:00 p.m. Ward Memorial park (1 km N. of Norland, on Hwy. #35. Call Chris Batty (705) 454-8573. Adults \$10., Students \$5., Under 13 \$2. Preschool Free.
- **July 14: Pirate day** We will be making pirate hats and hunting for buried treasure at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) at 11 a.m. 286-1770.
- **July 22: It's Dinosaur Day** at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) at 11 a.m. We will be making pipe cleaner dinosaurs and digging for bones in the backyard. 286-1770.
- **July 24 & 31: Music In The Park** - free concerts in Austin Sawmill Park, Kinmount, Thursday, July 24 & 31st from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. bring a lawnchair to the picnic shelter below the falls and enjoy Don Wright's Candlelight Combo, featuring the favourites from fiddle to swing to fifties, to Abba.
- **July 28: We will be making sand castles and snowcones** at the Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden) at 11 a.m. 286-1770.

ON-GOING EVENTS

- **The Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden)** - Every Thursday at 11 a.m. drop in for music, games, stories and crafts. Call 286-1770 for info. Footsteps to Follow.
- **Home Support is currently taking bookings** for three upcoming trips. We are going to the 1000 Islands on a boat Cruise on July 8th, we are off to Orillia for a tribute to Vera Lynn on October 6th, and we are going for an overnight to Stratford and St. Jacobs leaving Haliburton on November 5.
- **Free Prenatal classes.** Call early in pregnancies to register, 457-1391.
- **Farmers' Market - Kinmount.** Fri. 1-5 p.m.; Minden (McMahon Feed Store) Sat. 9-1. Contact Jean Tyler, 457-2214.
- **Mon. to Thurs., 9:30 to 2 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre**, CHACE Haliburton for singing, stories, crafts and more. Call 457-2989 to see what adventures in learning we have this month.
- **Haliburton County Home Support is looking for Volunteer Drivers** in Haliburton Village. If have time on your hands and are interested in helping seniors and physically disabled adults, Home Support is looking for you. We need dedicated drives who would be available to take clients to medical appointments in and out of the county. Please give Roxanne or Reg a call at 457-2941.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment (705) 328-6175.
- **Scottish Country Dancing for July & Aug.** Meeting Mon. nights at 7:30 p.m. at Stanhope Community centre. Beginners and singles are welcome. Call 754-2388 or 447-2509.
- **First Sunday of every month Mindfulness Based Meditation Group**, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. YWCA beside CHACE Place. No cost and all levels of experience are welcome. Call Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

JUST SAY NO!



Stop the construction of an asphalt factory in the Haliburton Highlands!

An asphalt plant has been proposed by Royel Paving for their quarry site on County Road 503 (formerly Hwy 503), in the hamlet of Irondale (Lots 1 through 5, Con. 7), Ward 3, in the Municipality of Highlands East.

- Asphalt is a paving material made from crushed rock and asphalt cement, which is a mixture of petroleum compounds produced by oil refineries. Asphalt plants use intense heat, furnaces and smoke stacks to melt the asphalt cement and mix it with crushed rock.
(From the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality, March 15, 2002, www.daq.state.nc.us/news/brochures/asph.html)
- Toxins emitted from asphalt plants include benzene, formaldehyde and arsenic as well as carbon monoxide and lead.
(From the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Cullasaja-Bethel Community Health Survey Report, March 8, 2002, www.downwindersatrisk.org)
- These toxic by-products increase air pollution levels and can seriously affect public health.
- The smell from asphalt plants has been compared to the odour of hot tar.
- In one case in North Carolina, property tax adjusters used distance from an asphalt plant and its noxious and smelly emissions as the reasons for lowering property values. Asphalt plants have been known to reduce nearby property values by as much as 56%.
(From the Pineola Property Study, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Cullasaja-Bethel Community Health Survey Report, March 8, 2002, www.downwindersatrisk.org)
- Truck traffic, with dump trucks bearing loads of asphalt, will increase.
- Noise pollution from the factory and trucks will increase.
- Water quality could be affected - the area in questions is a headwaters for Baker, Beech, Maple and Green lakes. The site is surrounded by wetlands and home to many species of animals and plants.

Does this concern you?

To hear more or to express your views, come to a citizen's meeting, at the Glamorgan Community Center, in Gooderham, on Wednesday July 2 at 7:00 pm.

For more information contact:

Richard & Nora Pasley 447-2572

Donna Steel 447-2527

Brian & Sheila Ingarr 447-2492

or e-mail at: no_asphalt_plant_in_irondale@yahoo.com